

**HAGUE OKTOBERFEST 2010**

The Hague Town Park will be the site for the 2010 Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 25, 2010. The celebration will be held from 10 am to 7 pm featuring seasonal beers from several regional breweries, live music, German food and festival food, a children's activity tent, and festival games for the adults. The festivities will happen rain or shine under the tents in the Park.

The 2009 Oktoberfest was a huge success with almost 1500 attendees. This year's event will be expanded to include more food vendors, additional autumn activities for the kids, pumpkin patch, an Adirondack arts festival. Headlining the day of live entertainment will be the famous Fritz's Polka Band from Verona, NY. The only German music band to have corporate sponsorship from Jagermeister, they are famous throughout the Northeast for their unique spin on Oompah and Polka music. In addition, the Jagermeister Jagerettes promotional team will be in attendance to add to the festivities.



There will be additions to last year's favorites of Miss Oktoberfest (the woman who can carry the most beer steins and spill the least liquid), and the keg toss, as we crown our 2010 Oktoberfest champions. The Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks will be providing counselors and activities in the Kids' Activity Tent with games and fall favorites like face painting, pumpkin crafts, bobbing for apples, sack races, obstacle course, bouncy house, and the 2010 edition of the Hague Coloring Book created by many well-known North Country artists.

Food vendors will provide great home-cooked German fare and festival foods. Local restaurants and stores will have Oktoberfest specials and many of Hague's hotels have special rates for mini-vacations in Hague on Oktoberfest weekend.

For additional information see the Oktoberfest website at <http://www.visithague.com/oktoberfest.htm>.

**TMSP PAINTED SOLDIERS AUCTION**



The painted soldiers and various interpretations of them around Ticonderoga are going to be auctioned. The Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership (TMSP) has announced Thursday, September 30, 2010 as the date for the "Soldiers About Town Auction." The event will be held at Adam's Rib in historic downtown Ticonderoga from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

A fun-filled evening is planned with music generously donated by Nelson Shapiro, appetizers and a cash bar and the auction. Rick Harker, professional auctioneer and owner of Mountain Time Furniture in Ticonderoga, is donating his services for the auction of more than 30 painted soldiers. All soldier project sponsors, artists, families, friends and the general public are invited to attend this unique event.



Proceeds go to the TMSP for visible downtown improvements and future street art events. For more information or to RSVP please call Sue Rathbun at 585-9721 or 2244.



**NEW VOTING PROCEDURES**

Those who voted in the September primaries used the new statewide voting procedures. These same procedures will now be used in all elections.

The voter goes to the registration table, signs in, receives a manila folder and an oversize piece of paper containing the ballot, sits at a privacy booth, marks the ballot [either filling in an oval or writing in a candidate], puts it back into the folder, walks to the vote tabulating machine, feeds the ballot into the machine and gives the folder to the voting attendant. Voters must make sure to look on the back of the ballot for any propositions requiring a vote.

## SENIOR NEWS

August's annual picnic is a memory--what an array of food our members brought to share—the yummiest yet! We all applaud the guys who brought in two of the most popular dishes. And those huge, tasty homegrown tomatoes—those could have won blue ribbons! Two big thank-yous for all those Memorial Day photos of us Seniors that Pat Hintze printed and gave us, and the great 2010 Memorial Day Parade Album that Maddie Pelkey put together for our archives.

September's Lake George Luncheon Cruise on the *Lac du Saint Sacrement* was much fun, too. On Friday, October 1, 2010 we're off again to Lake Placid to take the gondola ride up Whiteface Mountain to see the foliage.

Our regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 1:30 pm at the Community Center. The program will feature "Heyday of Hague's Hotels, Part I" presented by members of the Hague Historical Society. The theme for our Halloween party will be announced. Refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome as are new members. Please call President Pat Hintze (543-6502) for more information.  
...Chris Ianson

## HVFD MEMBERS IN ONGOING TRAINING

Recently Chief Ray Mury and Foreman Bob Rafferty completed a course in Dealing With Chemical Suicide. Jocelyn Fischer is now certified a Firefighter 1. Congratulations to all.

In August there were 8 fire calls and 13 ambulance calls.

We have been asked to announce that the annual Pig Roast in support of the Jason Laundree Fire Fighter Training Scholarship Fund has been temporarily postponed.

The entire Department will be involved in some way in helping to make the 2nd annual Ockoberfest a great success.

We need volunteers - fire fighters, EMTs, fire police, and other supportive positions! There is an EMT class starting in Ticonderoga on Tuesdays and Fridays. The class starts October 1, 2010 and ends on March 25, 2011. If interested, please call Renee at 543-8035.

School is in session, so please keep an eye out for those big yellow busses with the little short passengers that don't always look both ways.  
... Joe McCrannels

## HAGUE FISH & GAME CLUB



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The Hague Fish & Game Club recently held its 1st Annual Kids Fishing Clinic. Nineteen kids participated in the class with local instructors, Joe Greco of Justy Joe Fishing Charters and John Sheehan from Norm's Bait & Tackle. During the class kids were given NY State Fishing Regulations booklets, taught knot tying, rigging, fish identification, lure presentation and practiced their casting skills. Each participant received a FREE rod and reel, donated by The Lake George Fishing Alliance. Many prizes were drawn and the winners of the 3 hour Bass Charters, donated by Justy Joe Charters, were Katelyn Myers, of Hague and Jacob Myers, from Lake George. All enjoyed a hot dog meal at the end of the class.

On August 28, 2010 over 50 ATVs and 10 horse riders enjoyed the Club's Fall Fun Ride. After covering over 17 miles of trail riding all gathered back at the clubhouse for a round of horseshoes and fun. The Club's Annual Pig Roast was well attended and a great meal was had by all. Famous local DJ, Tom, spun records for dancing into the night. The Club held a 50/50 raffle for member Bob Rafferty and presented him a check for \$70.

The Fish and Game Club will be cooking some "Special German" foods for the Hague Oktoberfest. Stop by for a tasty meal and enjoy the festivities of the day.

Hunting Season started on September 18th - a safe and successful season to all.  
... Steve Ramant

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## **PETER NEAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

At the Silver Bay Association, on August 14, the 2010 Peter Neal Memorial Scholarships amounting to \$6,500 were announced. These scholarships are presented annually to employees of the Silver Bay Association, based on high standards of work performance and financial requirements for a college education.

The winners for 2010 are: Kacheena Trudeau (Hague) - University of Pittsburgh, Alyssa Ruta - Springfield College, Rachel Walker - Springfield College, Dana Prazynski - Springfield College, Katherine Maxwell - Quinnipiac University, Stephanie Hunt - SUNY Potsdam, Kristen Morgan-Davie - Hamilton College, Amanda Hill - Florida Gulf Coast University and Evan Pace - Binghamton University.

Family and friends established the Scholarship in 1992, as a memorial to Peter Neal, son of Sally and James Neal of Venice, Florida and Sabbath Day Point. Peter was an employee at Silver Bay during the summers of 1983, 1984, 1985. He died of colon cancer in 1992.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this memorial may do so by sending a check to the Peter Neal Memorial Scholarship, Silver Bay Association, Silver Bay, NY 12874.

## **TFCU ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union (TFCU) has awarded three \$500 Academic Scholarships for 2010. The recipients are Hayley Best of Ticonderoga High School, Sarah Garcia of Schroon Lake Central School and Alyssa Joy Lough of Schroon Lake Central School.

Hayley attends the Albany College of Pharmacy, Sarah attends SUNY Adirondack and Alyssa continues her studies at the Word of Life Bible Institute .

"We are glad to have contributed to the financial education of these three outstanding youth members," said TFCU CEO, Gregory Johnson. "We wish them all the best in their future endeavors."

## **PUBLIC DINNERS RESUME**

A Boneless Pork Loin Dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F.&A.M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served on Friday, September 24, 2010, at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga. Take-outs will be available from 4 - 5 pm and dine-in begins at 5 pm in the downstairs dining hall. This event is the first in a series of monthly public dinners planned through late Spring.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under, and will be available both by advanced sale by members of the Masons and the Stars, and at the door. Parking will be available along Montcalm Street and also at the Azer Agency and Hancock House parking lots.

## **HAGUE RESIDENT OPENS BODYWORK STUDIO**



Terrie Davis, of Lake Shore Terrace in Hague, has opened Bodywork Studio in Vergennes, VT. She also hopes to get a business up and running locally.

The focus of Bodywork Studio is the client's total well-being using techniques from massage therapy, recreational therapy, aquatic therapy, personal fitness training and fitness classes. These techniques can be used to decrease stress, improve the quality of life and improve health in numerous ways.

Terrie graduated from Hague Central School in 1978, from HVCC in 1980 and Cortland State in 1983. She has a Masters Degree in Exercise and has credentials in Recreational Therapy, Personal Fitness Training Massage, Aquatic Therapy as well as being an aerobic fitness instructor, First Aid instructor and EMT.

Terrie says, "I really enjoy helping others achieve wellness and a quality of life by increasing fitness and decreasing pain. I have assisted individuals achieve/return to leisure skills they loved prior to major illness as well as returned individuals to be able to function again. It is rewarding for them and me."

For additional information see her website at <bodyworkstudio.biz>. Any resident of Hague can have a discount from the prices listed on the site. Terrie can also be contacted at 518-543-6176.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED**

The Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union (TFCU) thanks all those in the Community who helped make their School Supplies Drive a success. Dozens of area children now have adequate supplies for the school year thanks to donations collected at TFCU offices and ATM locations beginning in mid-August through Labor Day. The donations were delivered to eight area schools on September 7, 2010.

## **SILVER BAY DINNER AND MOVIE**

Silver Bay hosts a Community Dinner and a Movie on the second Friday of each month. The meal starts at 6 pm followed by the evening's film. Movies coming up are Greenfingers on October 8, Bottle Shock on November 12 and Up in the Air for December 10, 2010.

The events will be held in Brookside Community House. In order to plan for the dinner, it is requested that you let Chip Devenger know if you will be attending. He can be reached by phone at 543-8833, ext 215/286 or by email at <cdevenger@silverbay.org>.

## TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING - 8/25/10

The Town Board held the necessary hearing for public comments on the lease of Town property for the construction of a cell tower. All comments made were in favor of the project. The Board decided to use a permissive referendum process. After 30 days if no petition is filed [to have a public vote], the Board can sign the contract and the project can move forward.

## TOWN BOARD MEETING - 9/14/10

Supervisor Dan Belden and Board members Dick Gladu, Mark Martucci, Rudy Meola and Edna Frasier were all present.

### Items from Committee Reports:

**Assessor & Justice:** There is no money for a townwide reassessment for next year.

**Highway:** EPA approval has been given for the remediation at the highway garage. Pine Cove Road has been paved; culverts are being replaced and the Town has the permit to dredge at the boat launch.

**Planning/Zoning/Stormwater:** The Lake George watershed is under LGPC regulations but since some of Hague's brooks flow into Lake Champlain, our Town code should have an erosion control plan to address that watershed.

**Sewer Districts #1 and #2:** Supervisor Belden will meet with Paul Belden, Jr., in charge of the Treatment Plant, to go over the budget process. Supervisor Belden said Paul is "doing a tremendous job" and has been keeping daily logs. Tim Costello, who has retired, is helping when needed.

Supervisor Belden presented a plaque to Bill Lamy, retired chairman of the Warren County DPW, with thanks on behalf of the people of Hague for all the hours he put into the formation and construction of the sewer district. Lamy said, "We had some problems along the way but it has been successful and I've enjoyed working with the people in Hague."

**Town Park:** The bathrooms will be open until Columbus Day. The Park will be mowed and ready for the Oktoberfest.

### Under other business, the Board:

Agreed to contract with Melissa McManus at \$125 per hour to complete the necessary paperwork for the administration of grants which the Town has received for enhancement projects. The State grant pays 50% of the project and wants the Town to bill more frequently.

Authorized signing up with TD Bank for the web set up.

Approved requests by EJ Siwek, Planning Board Chairman to attend a planning conference on September 27 and 28; by Justice Heather Knott to attend a NYS Magistrate Conference on September 26 and from Paul Belden to attend the NYS DEC Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators class on basic operations.

Received a financial report from the Senior Club on the Memorial Day Parade.

Agreed to check further with the Garden Club on their request to hire a landscaper to maintain the Community Center grounds for next year.

Received thank you letters from the Greenbergs for the Silver Bay camp and from the Arts Fair committee.

Amended the 2010 Sewer budget to set up a capital fund in Sewer District #2 for the people who paid the capital costs up front.

Authorized Vision Engineering to go out to bid for the Well Closure Plan at the Highway Garage.

Passed a resolution verifying that the books of the Town Justice were audited as required by the State.

Learned the Office of the State Comptroller will offer a Training program on the Town Budget Process on September 21st.

### The Supervisor reported:

There are some more hurdles for the Hague Brook Delta but they plan to take out 137 cubic yards from the Trout House to the Town Beach area.

An \$85,000 grant will be used next year for culverts and stormwater in Forest Bay.

The County lost federal money and social and health programs are mandated. They have cut \$800,000 from the DPW budget. It looks like there will be no tax increase.

Councilman Gladu reported that he had conversations with Ticonderoga School Superintendent John McDonald in order to improve communication. McDonald has volunteered to be in Hague on September 23 at 6:30 pm to discuss school budget concerns. He will try to do it once a month. If a vacancy occurs on the school board, Gladu has suggested that would be an opportunity to appoint a Hague member.

## THE ODOR CONTINUES

The problem has been succinctly stated by Jimmy Krauss who lives on Lakeshore Drive across from the Dodd Hill Sewer pump station. He states, "Unfortunately over the past two years our Adirondack living experience has not been so rosey. Since a change in the sewer system, now every evening when the sun goes down the smell comes up. The odor of raw sewage is overwhelming and has been effecting us and our neighbors."

Another neighbor, Ann Shakeshaft, has made several calls to the Town about the situation. The response has been to add chemicals to the effluent and to change the charcoal filters on the exhaust fan but the problem continued. She also has written to the Town Board and the situation was discussed at the September Board meeting.

Paul Belden, new manager of the Sewer Treatment Plant, acknowledged that there was an odor and has calls out to Clough Harbor engineers. The Board asked Paul to come back with a report that makes suggestions on taking care of the problem.

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 8/26/10

Chairman Robert Goetsch and members Martin Fitzgerald II, Jon Hanna, Lyndsay Mydlarz, George Ianson and Bill Pittman were present with one vacancy.

### QUINN (26.18-1-11) 9214 Lakeshore Dr. (TR-1)

The Board approved the application to raise the roof on an existing nonconforming structure to gain more useable floor space, add an exterior ramp to provide a second means of egress, add a bedroom to the second story and enlarge an existing bathroom for handicapped accessibility. They did not include a recommendation by the Planning Board for more environmentally friendly materials for the roof since they felt that the shingles are already natural materials.

## PLANNING BOARD – 9/2/10

The meeting was cancelled.

### WITH THE LGA



#### ASIAN CLAM

The Lake George Association (LGA) has announced that the Asian clam, an invasive species, was found for the first time this August in Lake George. The Asian clam is small and round. Not to be confused with the native mussels found in Lake George, the Asian clam is usually less than 1.5 inches in size, and has a light green/light brown shell with distinctive concentric ridges that can be felt with a fingernail.

The good news is this new invader is limited to a relatively small and manageable area of the Lake. The divers have found some clams that are at least two years old, maybe three, so there have been a number of successful reproductive cycles in Lake George. However, no Asian clams have been found in the north end of the Lake. A new informational flyer is available on the LGA website.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Over 125 people attend the LGA's 125th Annual Meeting on August 20, 2010.



*Bob and Holly de Buys at the LGA Annual Meeting*

The keynote speaker was Dr. Ken Wagner, editor in chief of Lake and Reservoir Management, the international journal of the North American Lake Management Society. He emphasized how essential water is to fundamental survival, explaining how water underlies all modern industrial and agricultural processes.

Dr. Wagner encouraged the audience to stay "connected" to the Lake in order to excite the passion needed to fuel great protection work. He also asked the LGA audience to seek real solutions and to apply low impact development options such as buffers, rain barrels, and rain gardens. The use of phosphorus fertilizers on lawns is a growing problem, he warned, despite recent regulation prohibiting it and it is one of the LGA's most important initiatives, he said.

In addition to the informative staff reports, the new leadership was put in place. Several Hague residents hold key positions on the LGA Board of Directors. Rolly Allen rotated off after a second term and Holly de Buys was reelected. Also serving are Graham Bailey, Ken Engler, Secretary and Bob de Buys, Executive Vice-President and acting Treasurer.

#### PHOSPHORUS

Residents of the town or village of Lake George can no longer legally use fertilizer containing phosphorus on their property. The LGA said this is a big victory for Lake George and they hope the other municipalities around the Lake will soon follow suit. A state-wide ban goes into effect on January 1, 2012.

It is hoped that all residents of the Lake George watershed are concerned with protecting the Lake and have stopped using phosphorus fertilizer already.



#### CORMORANTS AND GEES

Double Crested Cormorants and Canada Geese are nuisance birds on Lake George and the LGA asks for your input to better manage these problem birds. Please report cormorant sightings to the LGA with date, location and number of birds so they can share this data with the DEC to inform their management activities.

If you have tried geese deterrents on your property - fencing, flashy tape, broken CDs, owls, dog cut outs, etc., the LGA would like to know what's been tried, what it cost, and whether or not it worked.

Any photos or data can be emailed to Emily DeBolt, <edebolt@lakegeorgeassociation.org>.

For more information on any of these topics see the LGA website <www.lakegeorgeassociation.org>.





We are fortunate to have at least two gentlemen in Town who know a fair amount about the history and environs of Graphite. Both Jim DeLarm and Art Belden have spent time with the Historical Society to help us record their knowledge. In fact, the Adirondack Museum is planning an exhibit on mining in the Adirondacks for 2011 and Jim was recently interviewed by them for that purpose.

In 2007 Art Belden gave Chris Ianson and me the first part of a "tour of Graphite". Motorists today turn onto Route 8 from Lakeshore Drive in Hague and pass the signs that say "Graphite", but not very many of them know that more than a century ago Graphite was a thriving little community which grew up around the mining for graphite. Art Belden was raised in that area of Hague and we were privileged to spend time with someone who knows the back roads and trails in the area.

Art walked us in on property that he owns on Route 8 where the original pit mines were. You can still see the shafts and piles of tailings from the mines. The properties in this area still have deed restrictions giving mineral rights to the American Graphite Company.

As we walked through this fern wonderland, Art pointed out the numbers posted on the trees. These were markings from International Paper who measured the snowfall. This was done in an effort to forecast the run-off into the Lake that was a factor in controlling the Lake level.

From the open pit mines we headed west on Route 8 and turned in on Old Mill Road that makes a loop around and comes out further West on Route 8. Just as you enter here is where the old road came up from the "dump". There's an old house there that was moved from Graphite – owned by Paul Belden, Jr. Most of the land was purchased from American Graphite for timbering purposes and a lot of it is leased to hunting clubs.

We continued deeper into the woods and took a fork to the right. On our left was the area where the garage and workshops had stood. Foundations and some concrete pillars still stand. Further along and on our right is the site of the refinery. There



are many foundations remaining, including two tall cement "pillars" with dates -- February 1917 and April 24 1917. These must have been short-lived because the mill closed in 1921. The ore was washed here and the tailings flowed down onto the property of the Balcoms at the north end of Wintergreen Lake.

Down at the Lake George

waterfront there had been big silos that held coal. The graphite ore was shipped to Ti and then they brought back coal to run the graphite mill in the winter. In the warmer months, they could use wood supplied by the local folk.

A month later Chris and I again went out with Art Belden. This time we went up to Old Mill Road and took the fork to the left to see more of the town of Graphite. We went to the crest of the hill where there had been a hotel, a boardinghouse and post office.

We explored the old concrete root cellar where food was kept for the hotel. Further up the road we encountered two foundations for houses. The roads in this area are paved with the tailings from the mines.

In the months to come we'll share more of what we've learned from Jim DeLarm. ... Pat McDonough

## HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society had another very successful program on Hotels in August with attendance over 140. On October 6, 2010, the Society is going to have a different type of program – a video on Seneca Ray Stoddard produced by Mountain Lakes PBS.

Stoddard was a pioneering photographer from Glens Falls who recorded the majestic beauty of the Adirondack Mountains in the thousands of photographs he left as his legacy. More than a photographer, he published maps and guidebooks of our region which have a lasting historical significance. Join us on Wednesday, October 6, at 7 pm at the Community Center, to view the 60-minute DVD. If you have any of Stoddard's photographs or publications, bring them along to "show and share" with the audience.

The copy of Ralph Balcom's journal that we mentioned last month is now in the Museum and available for your reading. Look for a binder labeled "It was a fine day" which is the way Ralph ended many of his entries. We're still looking for a picture of Mr. Balcom if anyone should have a photo of him or of him in a family or other group.

Hope to see you on the 6th of October. ... Pat McDonough

## QUILTERS GUILD

The Wings Falls Quilter's Guild began their program year on Saturday September 11, 2010 at the United Methodist Church, 15 Maplewood Parkway, South Glens Falls. Meetings start at 9:15 am and are held the second Saturday of each month from September through June. Members with varying quilting abilities from beginner to accomplished blue ribbon winners meet to share quilting techniques, learn from one another and hear inspiring national and local quilting presenters. Each year guild members participate in such activities as community service projects, workshops, and block of the month exchanges. In June 2011, the guild will also sponsor a Quilt Show. For more information about the guild, speakers or membership contact Membership Chairman Gail Frenz at <gfrenz@yahoo.com> or (518) 494-5879.

## Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

### Fabulous Fall Hike

I recently had the wonderful experience of hiking the Deer Leap Trail on Tongue Mountain. Although I spend lots of time hiking in the woods, I usually avoid the “climb” to a mountain-top ~ my knees do not like it. I can blissfully spend all day hiking woodland trails especially if they take me near water, and I enjoy a short scramble for a worthy view, but a 46er I am not and never desired to be. Even for spectacular views of the Lake, the thought of hiking Black Mountain...well, I'm glad I did it as a teenager 'cause I'm not doing **that** again! And so I thought the same for the Tongue Mountain trails, but my friend Donna Levenstien lured me with the possible sighting of a Chicken-of-the-Woods mushroom and the promise of an easy climb set the hook.

To access the trails, one only has to drive ~ yes, drive ~ to the top of Tongue Mountain (already this was my kind of mountain climb!) and park at the trailhead. Here, you will find your choice of several trails of varying difficulty and distances to explore the Tongue Mountain Range. Thankfully, one option is the “Easy” Deer Leap Trail, only 1.6 miles of a gorgeous winding, rolling wooded trail that took us past a small wetland, over a trickling stream, and along ledgy ridgelines under the canopy of an oak and pine forest. There were a few dicey scrambles on some of the steeper places where washouts had left a lot of loose stones, but most of the inclines were perfect for a good cardio workout, yet not tough enough to keep us from being able to enjoy our surroundings. One “hiker” passed us, running up the trail and he had earphones plugged in ~ I don't get it; I'd miss so much of what I am there for! But, hey, there's something here for everyone and that's the point.

We **did** find a very large Chicken-of-the-Woods mushroom on the side of the trail, right where she remembered seeing it a week earlier. It is illegal to collect or harvest anything from State lands, and although this one was past the edible stage, it was a terrific photo specimen and great teaching tool for ID purposes. We saw other fall mushrooms ~ oyster and turkey tails, that came in a flush following the rain a few days earlier.



*Chicken-of-the Woods*



*Giant Puffball*

The dry summer has kept many mushrooms dormant until now, so we should see a good blooming this fall as evidenced by the deliciously edible Giant Puffballs that have been so prolific these last few weeks. Remember, you must, must, must positively identify any mushroom before you eat it!

The aptly named Deer Leap trail ends where the mountain does, smoothed granite ledges offering a platform to view the sweeping vista of the Lake below. A family picnicked nearby while we sat on ledge “seats” delighted in the moment to rest with this view before us. The temperature was near 80 degrees, sun shining bright and not a cloud in the sky as we watched the tiny boats far below in the cool-looking water...it was too much for us, the Lake tempting us with refreshing relief from the heat...we packed up and left in a hurry to retrace our steps and get back home to leap into the Lake!

## ~SOUNDINGS~

**DIED:** Richard A. Hudak, Sr., of Ticonderoga, NY on July 19, 2010. He is survived by his wife Beverly (Barrett) Hudak; a son, Richard A. Hudak, Jr. (Debra) of Ticonderoga, NY; a daughter, Kathleen M. Hudak Torrey (Rev. Bruce) of East Windsor, CT; his granddaughters, Emma Torrey, Tabatha L. Hudak, Brianne Hudak; a grandson, Anthony R. Hudak (Holly); his great-grandchildren, Alexander J. and Evelyn A. Hudak, Ticonderoga; several other children, grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren. Richard & Beverly were residents of Hague for many years.

### Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

#### August 14 – September 17, 2010

A fine finish to a great summer! August weather continued the July pattern of hot, sunny days, many into the high 80's/low 90's. Rain was sprinkled in just at the right times to soak the dry ground. The Lake water warmed up quickly and remained warm all season.

Many of the trees, shrubs, flowers are showing the effects of the heat by losing their leaves early. Many trees are showing their fall colors early. Some annuals gave up the production of flowers in mid-August, turned brown and died. Some plants have revived with the cooler nights and days. The third week of September has been cooler.

There was one 2-day period (8/22-23) where we received 3.7” rain. A frost warning was issued on September 17. On September 23 the fall equinox arrives along with a full moon.

#### WHY DO LEAVES CHANGE COLOR?

Leaves get their green color from chlorophyll, a pigment found in plant leaves that enables them to process sunlight. Fall's shorter days and cooler temperatures cause the chlorophyll to move from the leaves to the branches, trunk and roots, and the yellow and orange pigments that are always present become visible.

Other chemical processes produce the brilliant reds, purples and bronzes. On warm fall days, sugar is produced in the leaves of some trees and then trapped by the chill of night. As sugar accumulates, the leaves turn brighter red.

Factors that influence the amount of fall color the leaves will wear each year include:

- Rain
- Amount of sugar in the leaves
- Wind
- Temperatures

Weeks of cool, bright sunny days and chilly nights (but no frost) create the brightest colors. The side of a tree exposed to bright sunlight might turn red, while the shady side of the same tree may turn yellow. And cool, sunny autumn days produce brighter colors than warm, wet weather.

Trees "inherit" their fall colors, just as we inherit the color of our hair. The color depends on how much iron, magnesium, phosphorus or sodium is in the tree and the acidity of the chemicals in the leaves.

### HAGUE CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER 2010

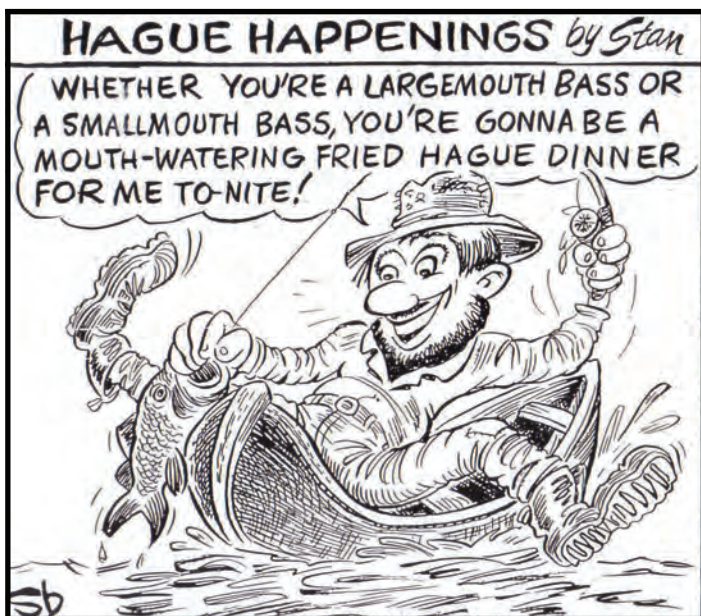
- 23 7 pm Zoning Board
- 25 10 am—7 pm OKTOBERFEST
- 28 1 pm Hague Senior Club program  
"Heyday of Hague's Hotels Part 1"
- 30 5:30—8:30 pm TMSP Auction

#### ONGOING EVENTS

- 1st Monday: **Fire Department** (7 pm)
- 3rd Monday: **Chamber of Commerce** (7 pm)
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday: **Mohican Crafters** (10 am)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Ticonderoga School Board** (7 pm)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Fish & Game Club** (7:30 pm)
- 4th Wednesday: **Extra Helpings Distribution** (noon)
- 3rd Thursday: **Carillon Garden Club** (11 am)
- 1st Friday: **Men's Prayer Breakfast** (7:30 am)
- Every Tuesday: **Rotary Club** (7:30 am)
- Every Thursday: **Kiwanis** (12 pm)

#### OCTOBER 2010

- 1 Senior Trip to Lake Placid
- 6 7 pm HHS Program – Stoddard video
- 7 7 pm Planning Board
- 8 6 pm Silver Bay Dinner and Movie
- 11 Columbus Day — Town Offices closed
- 12 6:30 pm Town Board
- 15 News deadline for October issue
- 21 *The Hague Chronicle* mailed
- 28 7 pm Zoning Board



**HEALTHY LIVING WORKSHOPS FOR FALL**

Now is the time to prepare for a healthy winter. There is much we can do with foods and home-made medicines to improve our immune systems, ward off the flu-naturally, and treat the common cold. Call Nancy Wotton Scarzello 585-2106 for details and registration info for Fall Workshops.

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS**  
 Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm  
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